

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000222**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

***Online language learning for children at pre-school***

**Question**

How many preschool children have participated in the Government's one-year trial of online language learning for children at pre-school? How many children in how many preschools will participate in this initiative in total? What will the cost per participant and per preschool be?

**Answer**

As of 19 April 2015, signed consent forms to participate in the trial had been received for 1688 preschool children. It is anticipated that more children will continue to join over the course of the trial.

There are 41 sites across Australia offering a preschool programme participating in the trial.

The majority of expenditure on the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) trial is for development of the applications (apps). This expenditure is not attributed on a per capita basis as the use of the apps is scalable over larger numbers of users, including once the trial is complete.